NEW WORKS

*923. [27] **Sri. E. P. Poulose:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether estimates for all new works in Muvattupuzha taluk provided for in last year's budget been completed;

(*b*) whether these estimates have been sanctioned;

(*c*) how many of the new items of work have been already started?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All except one have been sanctioned;

(*c*) All except one have been started.

KOTTAPADY-KOOTIKAL ROAD

*924. [35] **Sri. N. P. Varghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Communications be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Kottapady-Kootikal road in Kothamangalam Section was included in the budget for the last three years;

(*b*) whether the estimate for the same has been sanctioned two years ago;

(*c*) whether the people have surrendered the land for three miles of the road and have constructed a ryots road which has only to be improved?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Estimate was sanctioned in the year 1117 M.E.

(*c*) The people have not surrendered the lands for the three miles. The ryots have constructed the road only here and there.

RECRUITMENT OF M. P. SCHOOL TEACHERS

*925. [36] **Sri. N. P. Varghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of unfilled vacancies of Teachers in Government M. P. Schools in the State;

(*b*) have the Public Service Commission been intimated to recruit the requisite number of teachers;

(*c*) are Government aware that a very large number of trained school finals have applied for recruitment; and

(*d*) what is the delay in recruiting them and filling up the vacancies of teachers' posts?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) 300.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It has not been found necessary to fill up these vacancies now because a number of teachers on leave or undergoing training are due to return shortly. The vacancies arose only very recently.

IMPORT OF CEMENT

*926. [39] **Sri. Paul Thaliath:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether permit is necessary to import cement;

(*b*) whether it is a controlled commodity;

(*c*) whether permit is necessary to purchase cement from local dealers; and

(*d*) if so, the authorities who are empowered to issue permits?

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